

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Inventor: Hugh Sharkey, et al.

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Title: **INFLATABLE VENTRICULAR  
PARTITIONING DEVICE**

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Customer No. **21971**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

M/S AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madame:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expires on November 12, 2006. This Amendment is submitted prior to shortened statutory period for reply, therefore no extension fee is required to enter this Amendment.

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